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SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE STUDENT PROTEST AND " FRONT" ARTICLE

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1. YUGOSLAV PRESS MARCH 16 DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO STATEMENT BY PRESIDENCY OF STUDENT LEAGUE OF YUGOSLAVIA (PSLY) ON CAMP COUNSELOR INTERVIEWS IN LJUBLJANA REPORTED BY TANJUG. BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA (P, 6) CARRIES 3- COLUMN ITEM, " RUDE PROVOCATION AND POLITICAL INSINUATION", AND UNTITLE CARICATURE OF SUPPOSED " DIPLOMATIC- CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE" WITH ICCP SIGN ABOVE WHILE HOLDING SHEAF OF PAPERS MARKED " CIA". SARAJEVO' S OSLOBODJENJE (P.2) HEADLINES ITEM: " EXCEPTIONALLY RUDE PROVOCATION." DNEVNIK OF NOVI SAD(P.9) LEADS TNJUG ACCOUNT: PROVOCATION OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES. " ZAGREB (VJESNIK), LJUBLJANA (DELO) HEADLINES SIMILAR.

2. TANJUG' S REPORT OF PLSY PROTEST INCLUDED FOLLOWING LIST OF FOUR QUESTIONS (LONGER LIST CARRIED MLADOST BEING POUCHED) INTERVIEWERS ALLEGEDLY ASKED:

-- IN US THERE IS FREEDOM WHILE THERE IS NONE IN YUGOSLAVIA. WHAT IS LIVING LIKE IN A COMMUNIST SATE WHERE THERE IS NO FREEDOM?

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-- WHAT IS IT LIKE IN STATE RULED BY COMMUNISTS WHERE THERE
IS NO FREEDOM, AND ONLY SINGLE PARTY SYSTEM?

-- ARE COMMUNISTS NOMINATED FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS IN ADVANCE?

-- YOU YUGOSLAVS HAVE SOLD YOURSELVES TO RUSSIANS, ARE TURNING
TOWARD EAST. PROVE IT IS NOT TRUE.

3. PRESS COVERAGE " FRONT" MAGAZINE ARTICLE SOMEWHAT LESS EX-
TENSIVE AND BASED ON TANJUG' S ACCOUNT WHICH MENTIONS " FRONT" "
CHARGES AGAINST VOA, RADIO MADRID, FORMER BELGRADE " SPIEGEL" COR-
RESPONDENT RUHLMAN, AND ATTACK ON DJILAS. BORBA (P.12) HEADLINES
ITEM: " BOTH SIDES OF OUR ENEMIES". SIMILARLY IN OSLOBODJENJE
(P.4), DNEVNIK(P.15), VJESNIK (P.3): " NERVOUSNESS AND HYSTERIA
OF ' PREACHERS'" NO COVERAGE NOTED TO DATE IN POLITIKA OR DELO.
BELGRADE TV NEWS MARCH 15 ANNOUNCED GENERAL CONTENT FRONT
SERIES BUT WITHOUT MENTION OF VOA, FOCUSING ON DJILAS
AS " TRAITOR".
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